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St. John Bosco Junior Boys' School,  
Navan Road,  
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Newsletter November 2015

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Dear Parents/Guardians

I hope everyone had an enjoyable midterm. We have a very busy term ahead running up to Christmas with lots of different events and activities.

**We Want Your Opinion**

The Board of Management would like to hear the opinions of parents of boys in our school regarding the issue of co-education. Co-education is the policy of educating boys and girls together in the same class. We will be sending a letter to all parents over the next few weeks asking you to respond with your view. We would urge all parents to return this questionnaire as we are keen to collect the views of as many parents as possible.

**1916 Rising**

Members of the Defence Forces will be presenting an Irish Flag to our school on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November. They will read the Proclamation of Independence and talk to the boys about the significance of our National Flag. This flag is to be raised in March to commemorate the 1916 Rising.

**Sam Maguire**

The Sam Maguire Cup will visit our school on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November with some members of the All-Ireland winning Dublin GAA team. The boys will be allowed to dress in blue that day to mark the occasion.

**Yoga**

Beginning this Friday, the First Classes will begin yoga classes with Emily. This is funded by the Parents' Committee and will last for six weeks. There are many benefits of yoga classes for children. It helps children to respect their body and mind, calm themselves and appreciate and understand the benefits of exercise and relaxation. The yoga classes will be full of fun and games to expand the imagination and improve coordination and flexibility.

**Fit Kids**

The Parents' Committee will also fund a dance and movement workshop for all classes on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November.

**Sean Flanagan Talk**

Psychologist Sean Flanagan will visit the school on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November to do Anti-bullying and Self-Esteem workshops with all classes. He will give a staff talk at 2.30. This will also be paid for by the Parents' Committee.

### **Parent/Teacher Meetings**

Our Parent/Teacher meetings will take place the week beginning Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November this year. Teachers are in the process of organising suitable times for these. The teachers are happy to make every effort to accommodate parents when organising these meetings.

### **Parents' Committee Raffle**

The Parents' Committee Annual Raffle will take place on Wednesday December 16<sup>th</sup>. Books of raffle tickets will go home in school bags in early December. The money raised in the raffle will go towards educational resources and activities for the boys. If you (or your place of work) would like to donate a prize for the raffle please contact the office. All help is gratefully appreciated!

### **Witch Walk**

We had our 'Witch Walk' on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. The boys dressed up in a whole myriad of Halloween costumes and we walked around Kinvara and Ashington. The boys had lots of opportunities to wave at friends and family! We raised over €300 which we are using to buy footballs, basketballs, beanbags and other yard toys.

### **Book Fair**

The Celtic Travelling Book Fair will make their annual visit to our school from the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> November. The Parents' Committee will be running this on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November from 8.35am - 9.00am and in the afternoons from 1.00pm - 2.40pm in the Library. If you can't make it in at these times please feel free to send the form and money back in with your son. The boys will bring home the forms in their schoolbags for you to have a look at.

### **Emergency Contact Details**

If you have changed your telephone number or moved house please remember to let us know as it is vital we have emergency contact details for all boys. Also, if you are not receiving text messages please contact myself or Marie so we can rectify this.

### **Change of Clothes**

We regularly need to give boys a change of clothes in school for a variety of reasons. If your son does get a change of clothes we would ask that you wash and return the trousers/jumper/socks as soon as possible and that you replace the underwear. This enables us to always have a supply of clothes when the need arises.

### **Dates for your Diary**

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November - Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November - Parent/Teacher meetings  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Carol Service

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Principal